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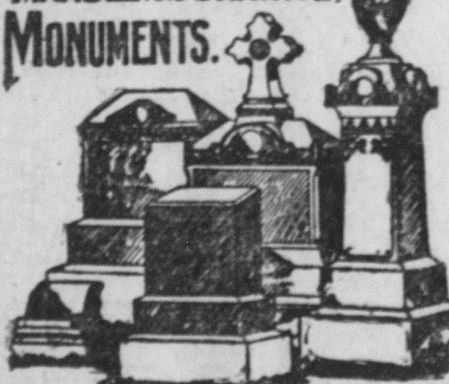
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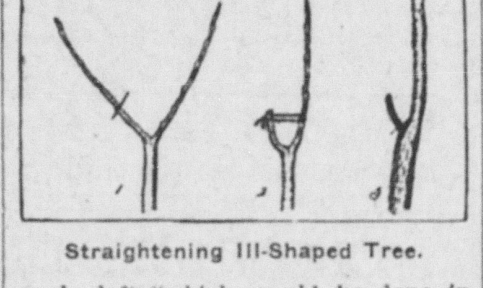
HORTICULTURE



CORRECT ILL-SHAPED TREES

Method Explained and Illustrated of Overcoming Crooked Head on Walnut Tree.

In a recent issue a correspondent inquired how best to overcome a divided or crooked head on an English walnut tree. The query was well answered by Mr. Van Deman, but I venture to add a suggestion also, as I have been so well pleased with my plan of treating forked trees just as described, writes F. H. Ballou, of the Ohio Experiment Station in Rural New Yorker. The outline drawings will almost explain themselves. No. 1 shows the objectionable form of tree. Instead of cutting off one division closely and depending alone on nature to straighten out the unsightly



angle left (which would be done in time), the least desirable branch is cut off at a distance of six or eight inches above the crook. The stub left is utilized as a post or anchor by drawing it and the remaining branch together to the extent that the chosen branch assumes a perpendicular position. A strong, soft twine or strip of strong cloth is used to tie the two parts at the proper distance from each other to maintain the upright position of the branch that is to form the continuation of the trunk. This work may be done in late winter or early spring—any time before growth begins. The stub left should not be allowed to produce any further growth of new shoots. It will remain as it is until its mission of support is accomplished, when it should be removed as designed in No. 3. All the strength of the tree being thrown into the upright branch remaining will cause this branch to make a very rapid growth, and the laterals springing out from its buds may be trained into a symmetrical head at any desired height from the ground. After the first season's growth there will be no need of leaving the anchor on the tree, for it will remain rigidly in the position in which it was at first tied. The writer has treated not only walnut trees, but various other shade trees in this manner, and uniformly with best results.

DESTROY INSECTS IN WINTER

Careful Examination of Trees Will Often Bring to Light Many Cocoons in Secret Places.

There are several kinds of insects that spend the winter on the fruit tree, either in the egg, larval or pupal state, and while the orchard is young good work can be done at destroying them. It does not require much time to look over a tree as long as the inspection can be made from the ground, says Farmer's Review. On large trees, however, such a course is impracticable.

One species of canker worm passes the winter in the egg. Clusters of these eggs are to be found on limbs and twigs from which they can readily be removed. As these clusters contain a hundred or more eggs each it is evident that much trouble for the future can be saved by destroying them.

The eggs of tent caterpillars are laid in clusters by the moth in July and remain till the following spring. Covered with a kind of varnish, they are impervious to the storms of winter. They should be removed whenever found, thereby saving the tree from feeding two or three hundred hungry caterpillars for each nest.

Leaf crumplers make themselves so conspicuous that a word of warning is scarcely necessary. The larvae tie together leaves and make nests in which they hibernate. In the spring they come forth and attack both leaf and blossom, continuing till July when they pupate. Of course these nests should be gathered and destroyed.

A careful examination of trees will often bring to light many cocoons in branches, the codling moth being one. Birds take care of many, the red-headed woodpecker being especially active, who finds the choice morsel even when hidden beneath a scale of bark. The work done by birds in the winter has never received the credit it should.

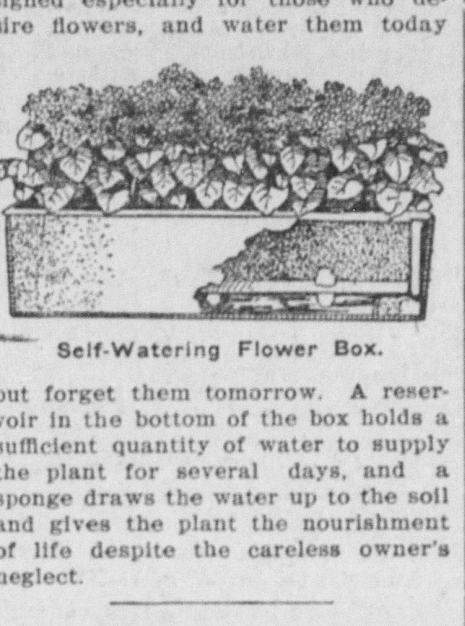
The San Jose scale is not the only one of its kind, though by far the worst. There are several kinds of scale lice, and the winter is a favorable time to look for them on small trees though treatment comes later.

Kieffer Pears.
Kieffer pears, though apparently late in coloring, ripen prematurely after being picked. Prices have ranged in localities where there were no apples from 50 cents to \$1.25 per bushel for firsts, and many growers averaged \$309 per acre net.

BOX TO PROTECT FLOWERS

Sponge Draws the Water Up to Soil and Gives Plant Nourishment of Life.

Florists generally are finding an increased interest taken in the self-watering flower box which has been on the market only a short time, says Popular Mechanics. The box was designed especially for those who desire flowers, and water them today



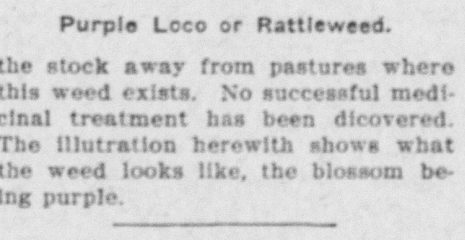
but forget them tomorrow. A reservoir in the bottom of the box holds a sufficient quantity of water to supply the plant for several days, and a sponge draws the water up to the soil and gives the plant the nourishment of life despite the careless owner's neglect.

LOCO WEED AND ITS DISEASE

Where Cattle Eat It They Act Crazy—One Remedy Is Keep All Stock Away From It.

One of the most troublesome weeds of the West is the purple loco or rattle-weed. When horses, cattle or sheep get the habit of eating this weed they contract what is called loco disease, says Farm and Home. The easiest way to describe their actions is to say they act a if they were crazy.

About the only remedy is to keep the stock away from pastures where this weed exists. No successful medicinal treatment has been discovered. The illustration herewith shows what the weed looks like, the blossom being purple.



The Sand Pear.

The sand pear is the only pear that is practically free from blight. It is a very rapid and continuous grower. It is a prolific bearer and requires less attention and will stand more abuse than any other fruit tree known.

The sand pear comes into bearing at an early age, and at ten years old ordinary trees will yield from ten to twenty bushels of pears. The trees usually begin to bear at five years of age. The sixth year each tree will net 25 cents, the seventh year 50 cents and the eighth year \$1, the ninth year \$2 and the tenth year \$4 per tree. By planting 24 feet apart 75 trees can be set to the acre. This would give a net return of \$300 an acre the tenth year, which would be equal to a \$5,000 investment at 6 per cent.

HORTICULTURAL NOTES

All dead trees and fallen ones should be removed and cut up for winter firewood.

Mulch blackberries and raspberries that have been set this fall, with a heavy covering of manure.

When watering plants do not force the water against the plant; let it fall in the form of a shower.

All damaged limbs should be cut out because they are likely to injure others while awaying in the winds.

A thick set hedge in the north west side of the exposed orchard will very often save the trees from permanent injury.

If the narcissus is grown in soil, set away in the dark until it starts growing. If in water treat as the sacred lily.

It is a serious mistake to set trees too deeply, because the roots are more apt to rot than if planted reasonably near the surface.

Teach your boys the value of fruit. Get them interested, give them a few trees and vines for their own. It will prove a wonderful tie to the farm.

Applying manure to the orchard and berry patches in winter not only supplies fertilizing elements, but the manure itself acts as a mulch to conserve moisture and regulate freezing and thawing.

If you should fail to protect your trees from the mice this winter and they should girdle the trees it does not mean that they are killed. If they are girdled severely, saw off below the girdle and graft.

STATE NEWS.

Media.—Miss Amanda Carey, a woman well along in years, bled to death at her home here. She was working in the kitchen of her home and apparently struck her leg against the door of the stove. An artery was broken, but she walked across the room to a chair, where she sat down and tried to stem the flow of blood. A trail of blood was left from the stove to the chair. She gave a call and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elwood Carey, arose from bed and came downstairs. Miss Carey tried to talk to her, but her lips quivered and she could not speak. Dr. Trimble Pratt was summoned, but when he reached the house Miss Carey was dead.

Ebensburg.—John R. Edwards, of Johnstown, who shot and killed his wife last June, appeared in court here and pleaded guilty. Testimony was taken so Judge O'Connor could fix the degree of guilt which will be either first or second degree murder. The Court's decision will be made known January 17. Edwards parted from his wife in May. He went to his home June 21 and killed her. In an effort to induce the Court to fix the crime at second degree murder, Edwards' attorneys pleaded that he was under the influence of liquor when he committed the act.

Pittsburg.—Helen Boyle, who is serving a 25-year term in the Western Penitentiary here for her connection with the kidnapping of Willie Whita, will ask the Pennsylvania Pardon Board to release her from further confinement. Mrs. Boyle was convicted for a crime committed in Ohio, she having taken care of the stolen boy at her apartment in Cleveland while the search was on. The claim of her attorneys for pardon is based on this fact.

Doylestown.—Mrs. Maggie Byers, the aged woman who was convicted in November, 1909, of setting fire to the barn on the Robert Beatty farm and sentenced to not less than two and a half or more than ten years in the Eastern Penitentiary, will be free in a few days, as the Superior Court has ordered her discharge.

York.—Upon a plea of guilty to a charge of embezzlement, Harry Pierpont, a young bank clerk and expert accountant, was sentenced to the Eastern Penitentiary for a term of not less than six months nor more than two years. Pierpont, while cashier of the Pullman Motor Car Company, took \$500.

Pottsville.—Having declared that she had a premonition that she had attended her last service, Miss Annie Moyer, of Orwigsburg, aged 35 years, a devout member of the Reformed Church, dropped dead midway between the church and her home. She had attended a public preaching service.

Pittsburg.—H. W. McMaster and F. H. Skelding, receivers of the Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal Railroad, were granted permission in the United States District Court to spend \$2,000,000 for gondolas to be used in the lake coal carrying traffic. It is said that bids will be asked at once and the orders placed as soon as possible. The money will buy 2009 cars.

Bristol.—By the discovery of an extensive stratum of fine white sand on the old Simons farm, the Pennsylvania Railroad has saved itself one dollar per yard in the construction of the new elevated line through here. When the work began the steam shovels unearthed the layer of sand.

Reading.—Robert Forricey, aged 56, a puddler, plead guilty before Judge Endich to stealing a satchel containing \$5,000 worth of bonds and other valuables from a passenger train on the Reading Road a month ago. The grip was later recovered. He was given a term of one year in jail.

Bristol.—Borough Council authorized the borough solicitor to advertise for bids for the erection of a municipal water works and the construction of a sewerage system. Thus, after several years of legislation and litigation, the borough is to own and maintain these two important utilities.

Beaver.—While standing on a bank watching a companion digging for a rabbit near his home, Wilber Bevington, aged 16, slipped and fell. The gun he carried was discharged and the shot entered his neck. He died almost instantly.

Ashland.—Englebert Loper, a carpenter, aged 48 years, fell down a stairway at a new building here and received injuries from which he died an hour later at the Miners' Hospital in the fall his head came in contact with a railing, crushing his skull.

Scranton.—Three Poles, miner and laborers in Cayuga mine, North Scranton, while eating their dinner were caught by a fall of roof coal and killed. Another was seriously injured.

Economy Expert.
An expert in municipal economies will be secured for Harrisburg, the Board of Trade having agreed to bring such a man to this city to study its problems. Fire departments and other matters will come up.

Housework Drudgery


Housework is drudgery for the weak woman. She brushes, dusts and scrubs, or is on her feet all day attending to the many details of the household, her back aching, her temples throbbing, nerves quivering under the stress of pain, possibly dizzy feelings. Sometimes rest in bed is not refreshing, because the poor tired nerves do not permit of refreshing sleep. The real need of weak, nervous women is satisfied by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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VERACITY OF THE BIBLE

After a Visit to the Holy Land Even a Skeptic Must Be Convinced.

One thing cannot fail to impress every visitor to Bethlehem, and, indeed, to the Holy Land generally, who is imbued with true Christian faith and a proper sense of the sanctity of the location and of the events that have transpired there, and that is the more than remarkable correspondence between the things and places shown us today as having been associated with the life and work of the Saviour and other events that enter into the structure of our religious faith and the descriptions and accounts of them, as furnished us in the pages of the Holy Scriptures. They agree with them in every respect and it is impossible, after carefully considering and comparing them, to doubt their identity, so exactly are they in accord with the Bible narrative.

The work in the fields, the arrangement of the buildings, the very articles of diet and clothing of ancient days are plainly recognizable in the doings and surroundings of today. Indeed, where modern methods have not become obtrusive the manners and customs of the people remain much the same as in the days of the presence on earth of the Saviour. Between the descriptions given in the Bible of localities, climatic and geographical conditions, distances, etc., of these times and those of today there is hardly any discrepancy, even a skeptic, considering this remarkable accord of circumstances with the Biblical narrative, cannot but be convinced of its veracity; to the believer it comes as a wonderful conviction, a satisfactory corroboration or encouragement to see things as those who described them so graphically saw them so long ago.—Columbian Magazine.

ACCURACY

"Yes, Henry, I've traveled into every corner of the globe."
"The globe is a spherical body, uncle. Therefore it has no corners!"—Chips.

A Tripe Famine.
"I want to get two pounds of tripe," said the lady, entering the shop.
"Sorry, ma'am," replied the keeper, "but we haven't any tripe today."
"No tripe? Why, it's in season."
"No, ma'am, there's no tripe being shot just now."
"No tripe being shot? Why, what are you talking about?"
"—I should say, ma'am, that the fisheries commission won't allow tripe to be caught now."
"Are you crazy, man? I don't want fish! I want tripe."
"Well, what in thunder is tripe, ma'am?"
"Why—why, I don't know just what it is, but if you haven't got any I'll try some other place."

Kept Umbrella Thirty Years.
A faithful old umbrella which has shielded the family of Dr. James A. Mullican of Greenwood avenue from the storms of 30 years, was stolen on Sunday. During the rain on that day the physician lent the umbrella to E. A. Seck, and while the latter was in a store some one stole it.
"The umbrella belonged to my father and has been in the family for more than thirty years," said Doctor Mullican the other night. "It has been covered several times."
"To persons who are unable to keep the same umbrella for more than thirty days this may seem incredible, but it is true," concluded Doctor Mullican with a smile.—Chicago Tribune.

Aromatic Spirits.
Mrs. Tarr—Sistah Lobstock has jest got a divo'ce fum her husband."
Mrs. Wombat—Don't say? How much ammun did de cou't done grant her?—Puck.

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